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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	COUNCIL ON REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.
PLACE:	Division of Professional Regulation 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Conference Room A Cannon Bldg., Dover, Delaware 19904
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	February 19, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Douglas Nickel, Professional Member, Chair
Earl Timmons, Professional Member, Vice-Chair
Scott Brown, Professional Member
Kevin Gillis, Banking Member
Patricia Ennis, Public Member
Georgianna Trietley, Professional Member (arrived at 9:45 a.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Christopher Schneider, Professional Member
Denise Stokes, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Jennifer Witte, Administrative Specialist II
May Veenema, Administrative Specialist II

OTHERS PRESENT

Beverly Wilson
Sheila Ross
Tracey Espada

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Nickel called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Timmons, to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2018 meeting as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review and Consider Final Orders

The Council signed the Final Orders resulting from Recommendations of the Chief Hearing Officer reviewed at the October 16, 2018 meeting for Vincent Dougherty, Greggie Pascual, Jason Radtke, Scott Eiffes, David Masters, Frank Semon and Jack Nescio.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules and Regulations Public Hearing – 9:30 a.m.

The hearing went on record at 9:36 a.m. The Council members were introduced. Ms. Kelly advised that the purpose of today's hearing was to propose amendments to 2.0 of the rules and regulations that will conform to new Appraisal Qualifications Board criteria. Ms. Kelly marked as Board Exhibits 1 and 2 the affidavits of publication for both The News Journal and the Delaware State News. Ms. Witte verified that to date there have been no written comments received.

Ms. Wilson, President of the Delaware Association of Appraisers, Inc., stated that she feels that 2.5.2 of the proposed amendments, which refers to the change from the 3 hours required in Delaware Law, Rules and Regulations to a 2 hour requirement, should go into effect November 1, 2019 which marks the beginning of a new renewal period. This would allow continuing education providers the time needed to prepare coursework for the 2 hour change as well as lessen the confusion of the requirement change for the licensees. Ms. Kelly stated that it appears the date in the proposed amendments was a clerical error and not a substantial change and can be corrected. There were no more public comments.

Ms. Kelly advised that the period for public comment will remain open for an additional 15 days and the Board will deliberate at its next scheduled meeting. The hearing concluded and went off record at 9:41 a.m.

Review of Continuing Education Activities

After review, a motion was made by Mr. Nickel, seconded by Mr. Timmons, to approve the continuing education activities as follows:

Appraisal Institute

Rural Valuation Basics, 7 hours CE (classroom)

International Right of Way Association

Environmental Due Diligence (C604), 8 hours CE (classroom)

Environmental Awareness (C600), 8 hours CE (classroom)

Understanding Environmental Contamination in Real Estate (C603), 8 hours CE (classroom)

The Environmental Process (C606), 8 hours CE (classroom)

Delaware Chapter of the Appraisal Institute

Delaware Real Estate and Valuation Update 2018 (Focus: Sussex County), 2 hours CE (classroom)

Delaware Association of Appraisers, Inc.

Environmental Laws – Impact on Property Values, 7 hours CE (classroom)

McKissock, LLC.

Fundamentals of Income Property Appraisal, 7 hours CE (classroom)

American Society of Appraisers

2018-2019 National USPAP Update, 7 hours CE (classroom)

Maryland Association of Appraisers

Oddball property Appraisals, 3 hours CE (classroom)

Exercising Professional Judgement Doubletake: 2 Appraisals, 1 Property, 3 hours CE (classroom)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratify Temporary Practice Permit Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Timmons, seconded by Mr. Gillis, to approve the ratification of temporary practice permits for Larry Stark, Eric Lewis, Matthew Dostoomian, Raymond Pirkle, John McCarthy and Jerome Witte, Jr. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratify Certified General Real Property Appraiser Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Nickel, seconded by Mr. Gillis, to approve the ratified certified general real property appraiser application of Michele Harris-Carter. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratify Licensed Real Property Appraiser Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Timmons, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the ratified licensed real property appraiser application of Matthew Polly. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratify Certified Residential Real Property Appraiser Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Nickel, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the ratified certified residential real property appraiser applications of Daniel Green and Salvatore Mastrangelo. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratify Certification as Assessor Applications

A motion was made by Ms. Trietley, seconded by Mr. Timmons, to approve the ratified certification as assessor application of Jason Warren. The motion was unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Mr. Nickel inquired as to the removal of the Checklist for Appraiser Trainee form on the Divisions' website as it is not required or needed per the rules and regulations.

The Council had a lengthy discussion on the 14 hour live classroom hour continuing education requirement and pros and cons to its necessity. The Council will add this as an agenda item for discussion at the January 15, 2019 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Wilson stated that she agrees with some of the Council members that the live classroom continuing education requirement be removed from the rules and regulations. As President of the Delaware Association of Appraisers, which offers licensees 28 hours of live classroom continuing education, there are a large number of licensees who prefer the live classroom setting versus the online options and therefore there will still be a want and an option to take live classroom hours. At a recent seminar, a request for show of hands indicated a majority preferred the live classroom option.

Ms. Espada expressed her agreement with the removal of the live classroom continuing education requirement. She also inquired as to when the proposed amendments to the rules and regulations would go into effect. Ms. Kelly advised that the Council will deliberate and vote on them at the January meeting and if no further amendments are needed will be published in the Registrar of Regulations February 1, 2019 with an effective date of February 11, 2019.

Ms. Ross also expressed her agreement with the live classroom requirement being removed from the rules and regulations stating that it will alleviate the confusion for licensees who are multi-state licensed.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be January 15, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Nickel, seconded by Mr. Timmons, to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m. The motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Witte

Administrative Specialist II